

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-53, 66-72, 86, and 87 are pending in the Application. Claims 54-65 and 73-85 have been canceled in response to the election requirement, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 17, 25, and 39 have been amended to correct clerical errors.

Election in Response to Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner required election among six sets of claims. Specifically, the Examiner wrote that claims 1-53, 66-72, 86, and 87 are directed to invention I; claims 54-56 are directed to invention II; claims 57-65 are directed to invention III; claims 73 and 74 are directed to invention IV; claims 75-80 are directed to invention V; and claims 81-85 are directed to invention VI.

The Applicant elects claims 1-53, 66-72, 86, and 87 for examination. Accordingly, claims 54-65 and 73-85 have been canceled.

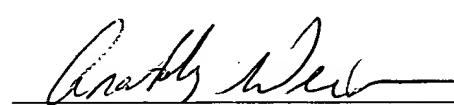
CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are patentable. To discuss any matter pertaining to the instant Application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (858) 720-9431.

Having made an effort to bring the Application in condition for allowance, a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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